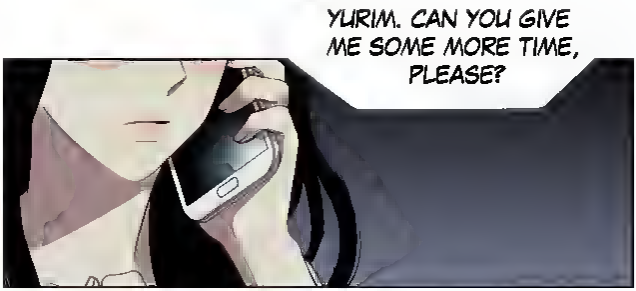

YURIM. CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME MORE TIME, PLEASE?

NO. I THINK I'VE WAITED ENOUGH.
BEEEEP

....SHE'S RIGHT. WE CAN'T KEEP IT A SECRET FOREVER.

I'M AFRAID WE'RE ONLY MAKING IT WORSE.

I FEEL SO... LOST.

I'M STILL REALLY SCARED.

I'M NOT SURE IF
I CAN HANDLE THE AFTERMATH
IF I TELL HER.

My Beautiful World

WRITTEN & ILLUSTRATED BY MARU
TRANSLATED BY YOON KWON

OF COURSE
THERE'S NO BOOZE.
NO WATER EITHER.

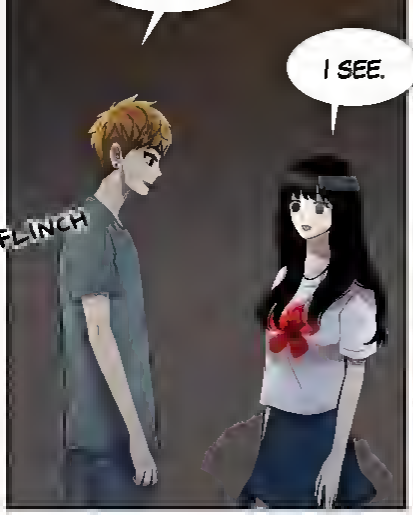
TAP

JUNE'S GONNA GET MAD AT ME IF I TELL HIM THAT I WANT TO GET DRUNK.
TAP
TAP

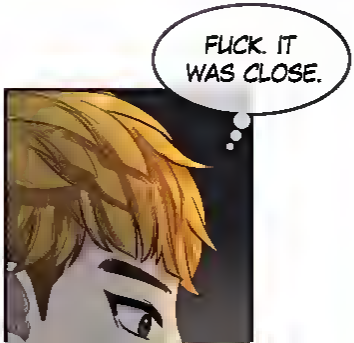
SO THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE?
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE SO FAR? GET ME MORE.

SANHO? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HEY~. MY FRIEND LIVES HERE.

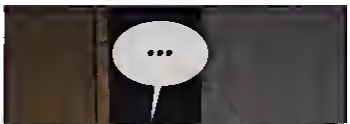

I SEE.
FLINCH

SSSS
CREEEK


FUCK. IT WAS CLOSE.

HUH?

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE? DID YOU CRY?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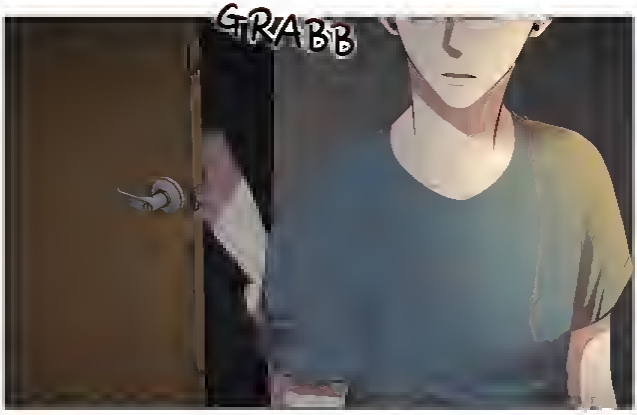
IT'S NOTHING. I'M ON MY WAY TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE.

I'LL GO WITH Y...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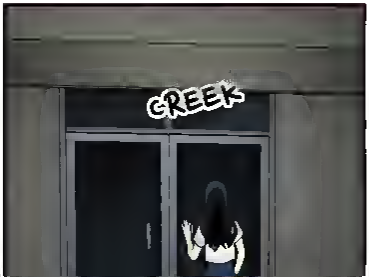
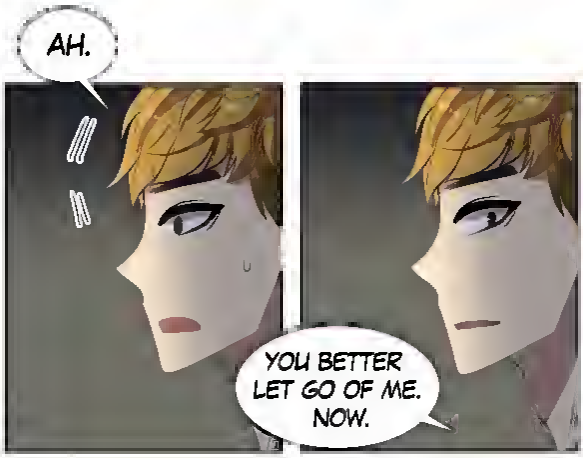
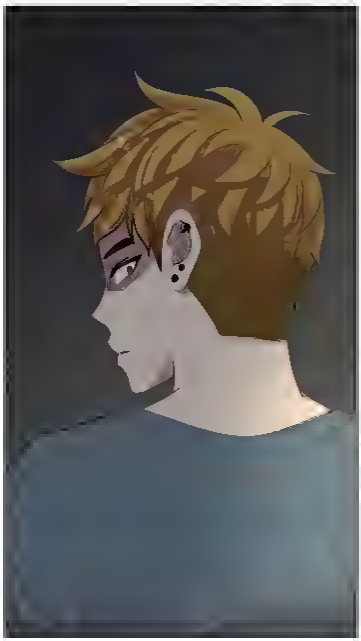
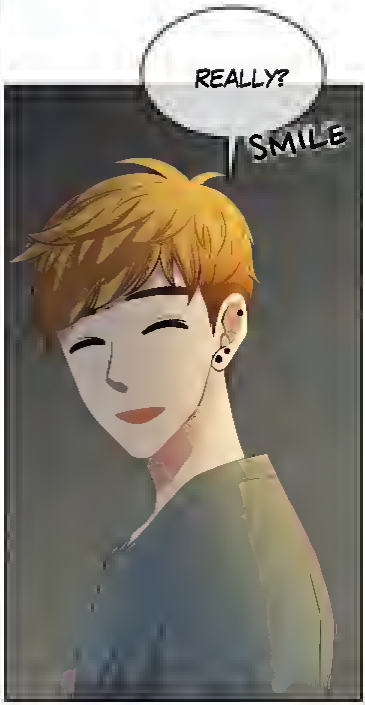

CREEK


AH.
YOU BETTER LET GO OF ME. NOW.

I HAVE SOMETHING MORE TO SHOW YOU ACTUALLY. DON'T GO.




REALLY?
SMILE

CRAP.
I FORGOT
MY ID.

SORRY. NO ID, NO ALCOHOL.
UGH. I WANT TO GET DRUNK BEFORE THIS CRAPPY FEELING NUMBS DOWN.

ZZZING

HERE. CHECK MY ID.
I'LL PAY FOR THE BEER.
TAP

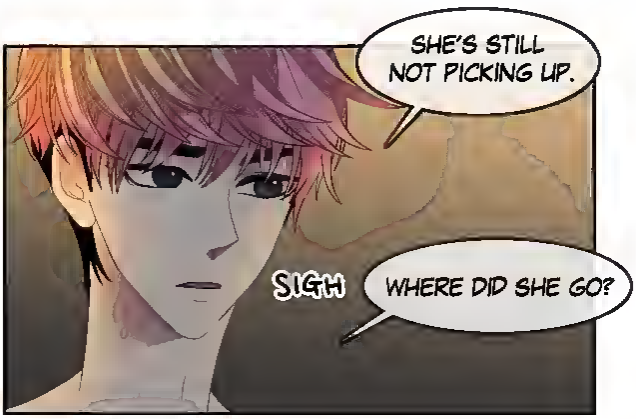
IT'S NOT FUN TO
DRINK ALONE.
PANT
RUN?

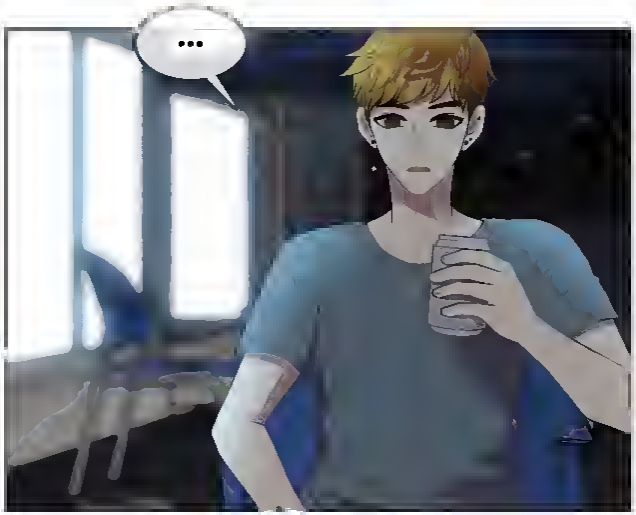
WELCOME FRESH

PANT
PANT

DING DONG
DID SHE GO OUT?
DING DONG

I'M GONNA GET WASTED!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO IF YOU STOP ANSWERING MY TEXTS AFTER THAT MESSAGE?!


SHE'S STILL NOT PICKING UP.
SIGH
WHERE DID SHE GO?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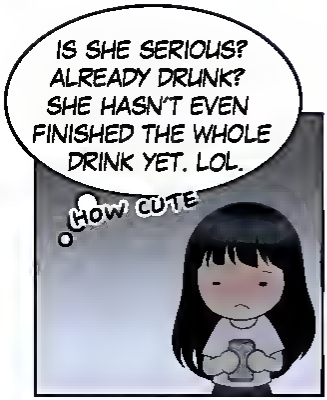
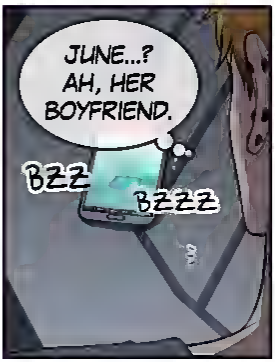
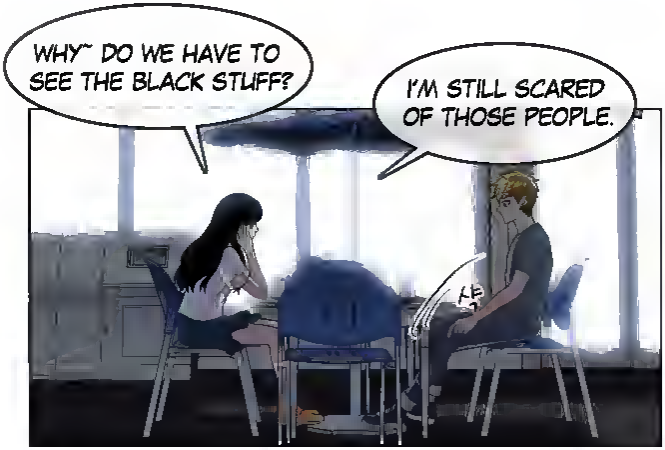
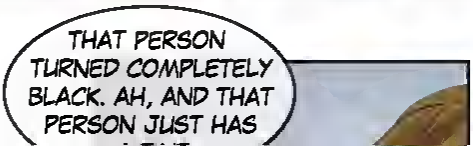
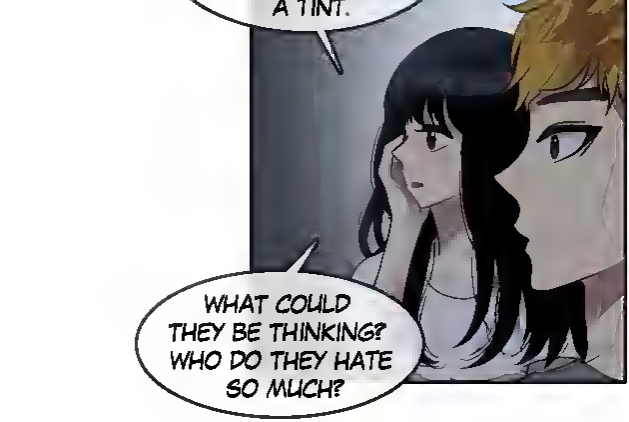

IS SHE SERIOUS? ALREADY DRUNK? SHE HASN'T EVEN FINISHED THE WHOLE DRINK YET. LOL.
HOW CUTE


JUNE...? AH, HER BOYFRIEND.
BZZ
BZZZ

END CALL.
HA!

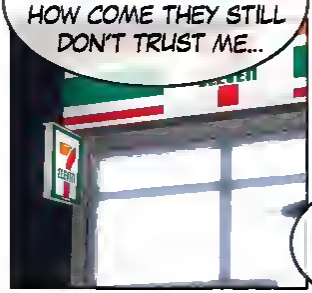

WHY~ DO WE HAVE TO SEE THE BLACK STUFF?
I'M STILL SCARED OF THOSE PEOPLE.

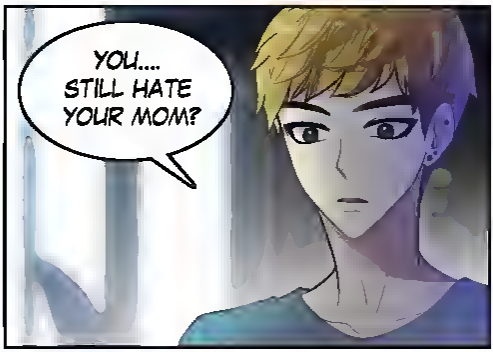

THAT PERSON TURNED COMPLETELY BLACK. AH, AND THAT PERSON JUST HAS


A TINT.
WHAT COULD THEY BE THINKING? WHO DO THEY HATE SO MUCH?

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OTHER PEOPLE HURT THEM FIRST...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY PARENTS?


HOW COME THEY STILL DON'T TRUST ME...
I HATE MY MOTHER. I HATE HER.


YOU.... STILL HATE YOUR MOM?

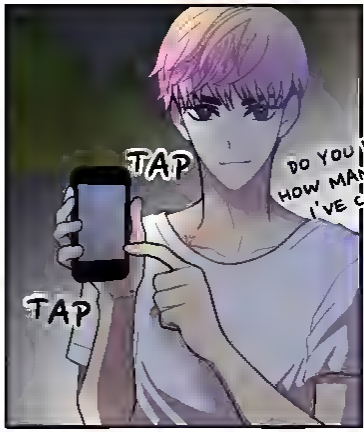
DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU AGAIN?

I CAN DO...

OOPS. SORRY. GOT A PHONE CALL.
RRRRING
I..... I'LL GO GET SOME SNACKS!

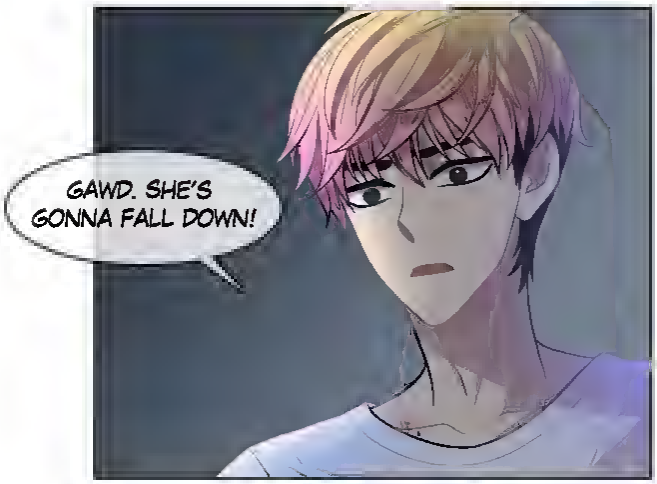
WOW. THAT WAS FAST.

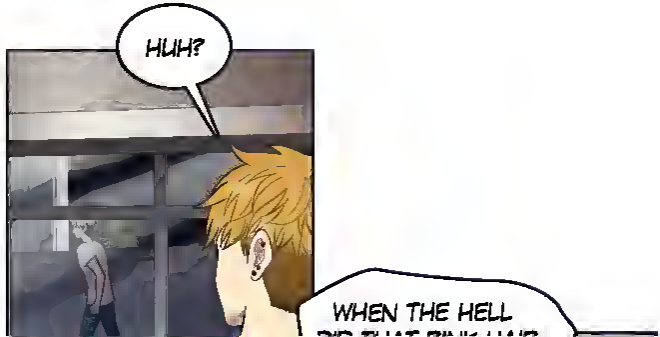
OH?


TAP
TAP
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE CALLED?

RUN!
LOL
IS SHE DRUNK?!

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?

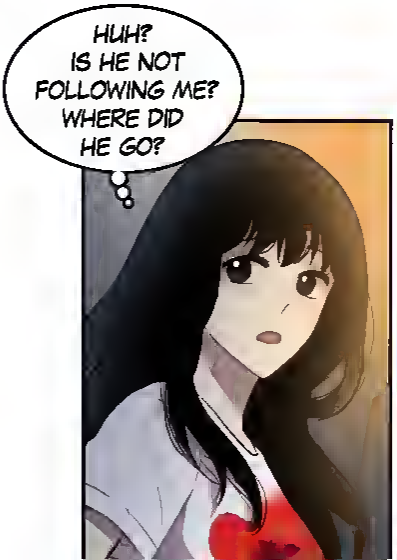

GAWD. SHE'S GONNA FALL DOWN!


HUH?
WHEN THE HELL

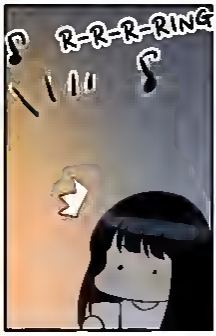
DID THAT PINK HAIR GET HERE?!
EXCUSE ME. YOU HAVEN'T PAID FOR THOSE YET.

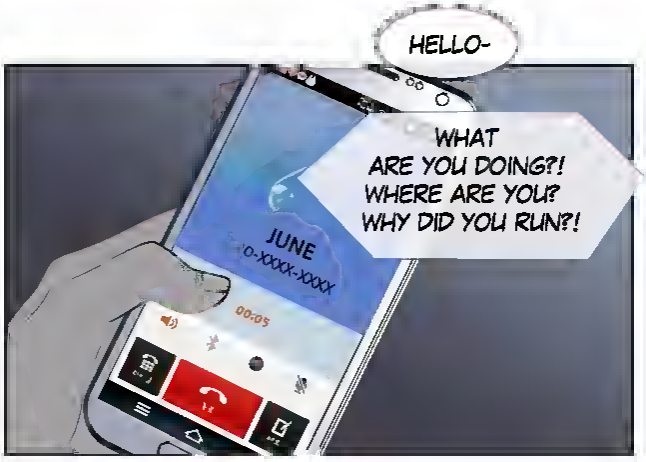
GAWD!
LET ME GO!
PUT THOSE CHIPS DOWN FIRST!
I'LL PAY WHEN I COME BACK!
YOU KIDDING ME?

PANT
PANT

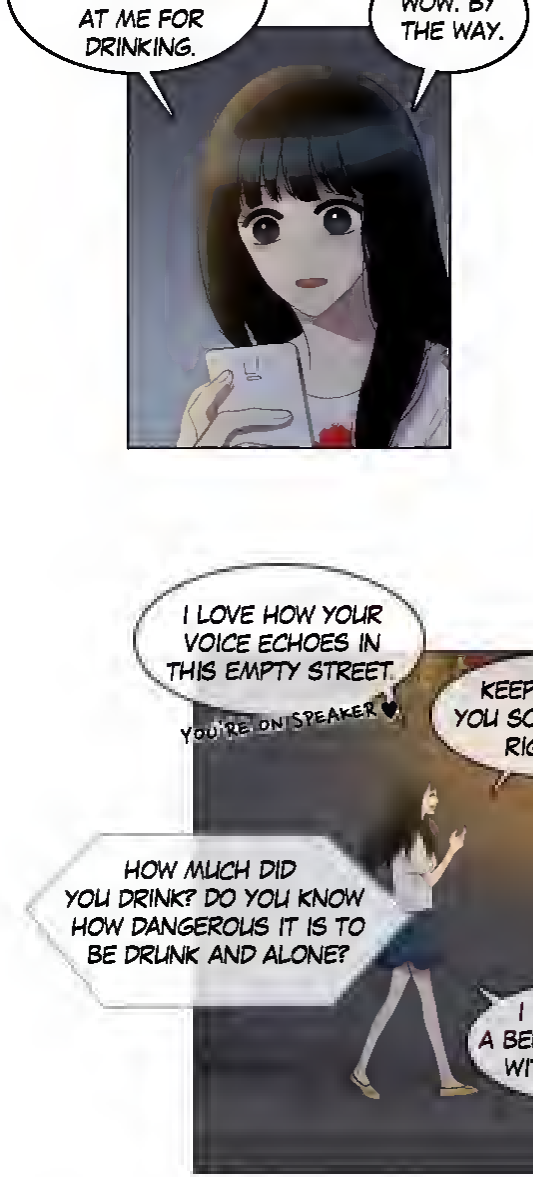

HUH?
IS HE NOT
FOLLOWING ME?
WHERE DID
HE GO?

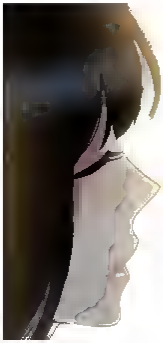
R-R-R-RING





BECAUSE... I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA YELL


AT ME FOR DRINKING.
WOW. BY THE WAY.
I LOVE HOW YOUR VOICE ECHOES IN THIS EMPTY STREET.
YOU'RE ON SPEAKER ♥
KEEP TALKING. YOU SOUND SO HOT RIGHT NOW.
HOW MUCH DID YOU DRINK? DO YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO BE DRUNK AND ALONE?
I ONLY HAD A BEER. AND I WAS WITH A FRIEND.



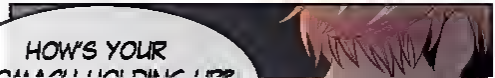
YOU COME TO ME FIRST WHEN YOU'RE UPSET.

WOW. HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I WAS UPSET? DID YOU READ MY MIND?

STOP FOOLING AROUND. AND DON'T HANG OUT WITH THAT GUY AGAIN.

YOU MEAN SANHO? ARE YOU JEALOUS? OH, YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU?

I'M NOT!

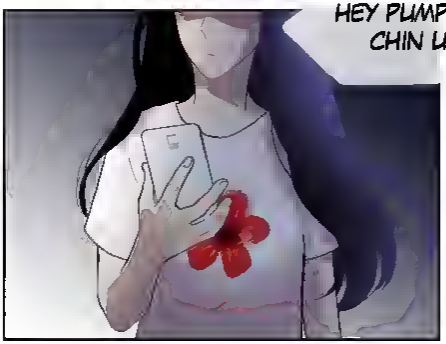


HOW'S YOUR

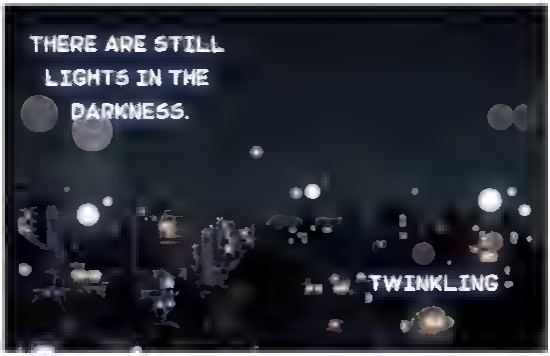
STOMACH HOLDING UP? ARE YOU OKAY? WHERE ARE YOU?
NO. I'M NOT OKAY.
FROM WHERE I'M STANDING, EVERYTHING IS DARK. I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING
THAT DARKNESS HAS SWALLOWED EVERYONE AROUND ME, AS IF I HAD

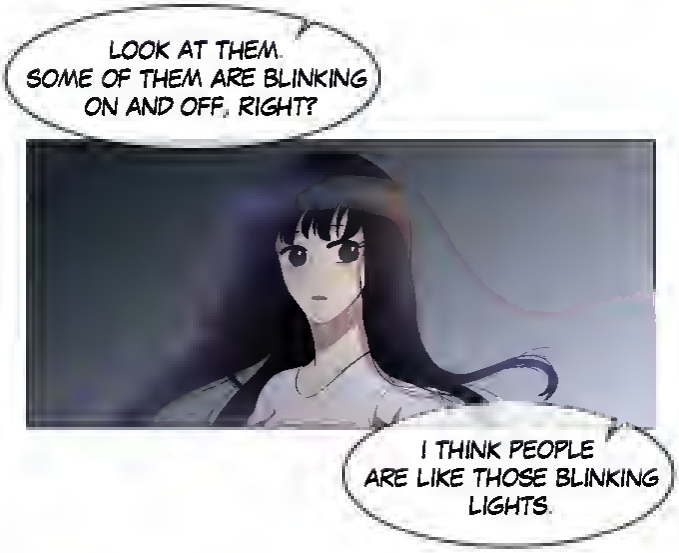
NO ONE ELSE BY MY SIDE TO BEGIN WITH.
IT'S TOO PAINFUL TO REALIZE THAT THE PEOPLE YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE CLOSE TO ACTUALLY HATED YOU.
I WISH I NEVER FOUND OUT...
BUT THE SCARIEST THING IS THAT
THE FEW PEOPLE

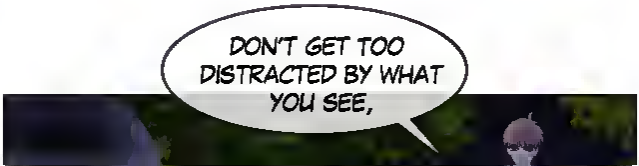
I STILL HAVE ON MY SIDE
MIGHT LEAVE ME TOO

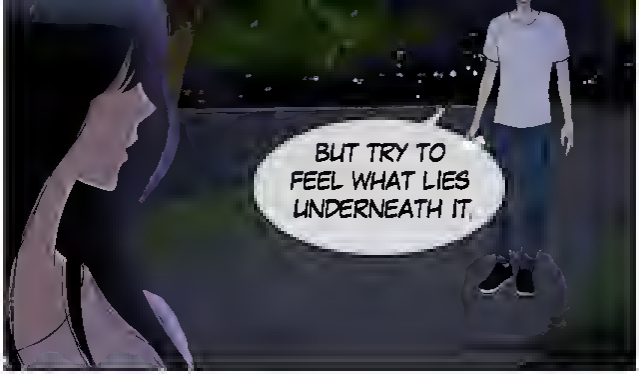


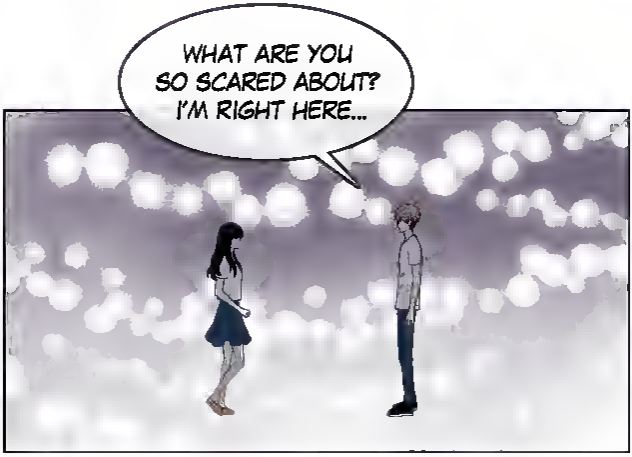
AND LOOK TO
THE RIGHT.

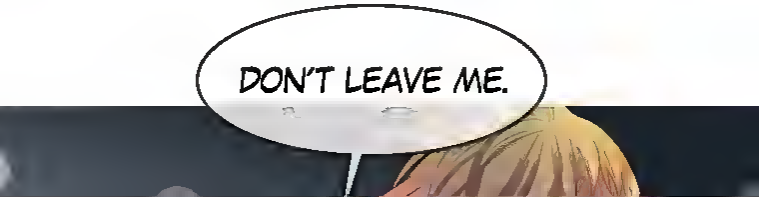

THERE ARE STILL LIGHTS IN THE DARKNESS.
TWINKLING

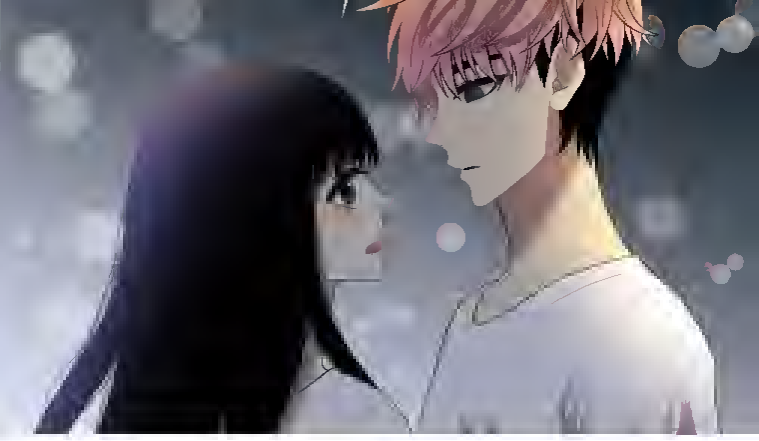

LOOK AT THEM. SOME OF THEM ARE BLINKING ON AND OFF, RIGHT?
I THINK PEOPLE ARE LIKE THOSE BLINKING LIGHTS.

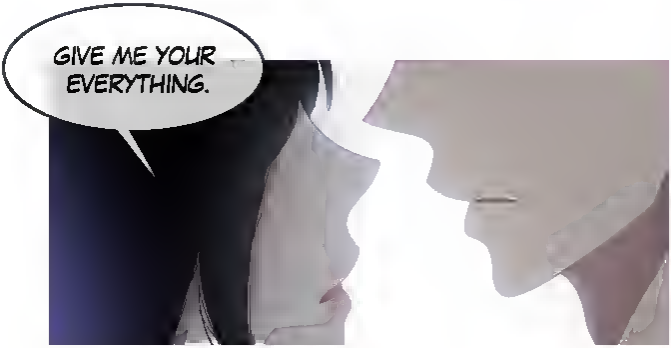

DON'T GET TOO DISTRACTED BY WHAT YOU SEE,

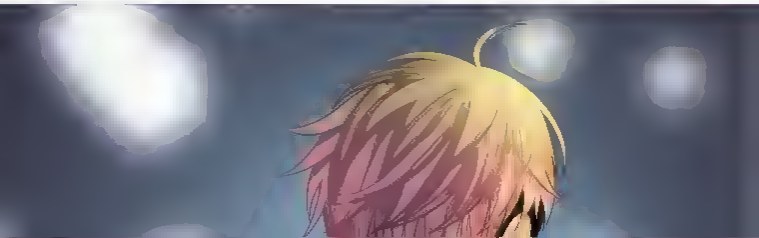

BUT TRY TO
FEEL WHAT LIES
UNDERNEATH IT.

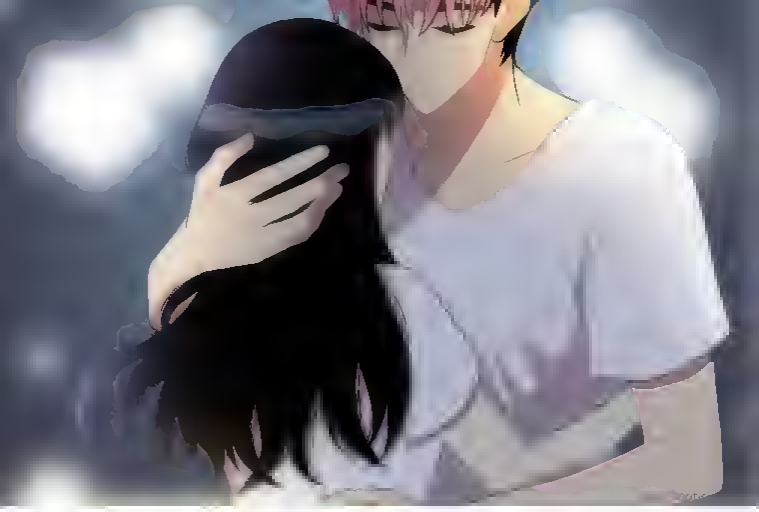

WHAT ARE YOU
SO SCARED ABOUT?
I'M RIGHT HERE...


DON'T LEAVE ME.



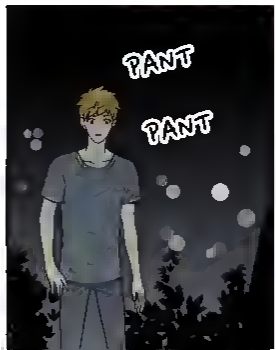

GIVE ME YOUR EVERYTHING.

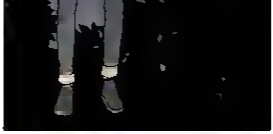


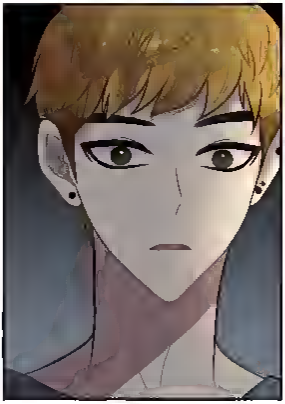


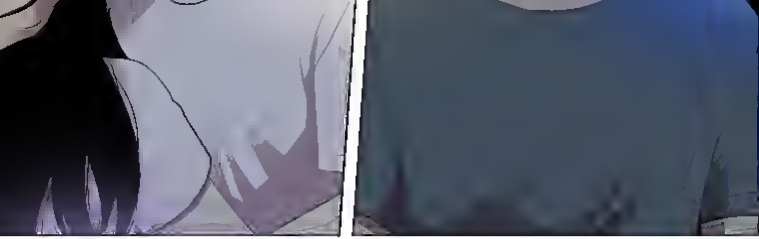
I WILL.

TA-DA-DA-DA









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